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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed May 23, 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 3-21.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
(a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
(b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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of Biological Material | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Dale Regelman on August 3, 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

--3. (currently amended) A three-dimensional page protector, comprising;

a pocket defining a partially-enclosed space, wherein said pocket includes ~~two or more rigid walls~~, a first length, a first width, a height, and a first side;

a longitudinal edge portion continuously attached to said first side of said pocket, wherein said longitudinal edge portion has said first length and a second width, wherein said first width is greater than said second width, and wherein said longitudinal edge portion is formed to include one or more through-bores;

wherein said pocket comprises:

a first planar sheet, wherein said first planar sheet is optically clear;

a second planar sheet, wherein said second planar sheet is optically clear;

a plurality of rigid walls, wherein each of said plurality of rigid walls has a first edge and an opposing second edge, wherein said first planar sheet is continuously attached to the first edge of each of said plurality of rigid walls sides, and wherein said second planar sheet is continuously attached to the second edge of each of said plurality

of rigid walls sides, to define said pocket, wherein said pocket is formed to include an open end.--

--10. (currently amended) The three-dimensional page protector of claim 5, wherein said plurality of rigid walls sides comprises three walls sides, further comprising:

a first wall side, having a first end and a second end;

a second wall side, having a first end and a second end;

a third wall side, having a first end and a second end;

wherein said first end of said first wall side is attached to said first end of said second wall side, and wherein said first end of said third wall side is attached to said second end of said second wall side, to form a parallelepiped having an open end, wherein said open end is defined by one edge of said first planar sheet, one edge of said second planar sheet, said second end of said first wall side, and said second end of said third wall side.--

--19. (currently amended) The three-dimensional page protector of claim 10, further comprising two-dimensional artwork disposed on one or more of said three rigid walls sides.--

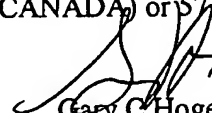
--20. (currently amended) The three-dimensional page protector of claim 10, further comprising a plurality of embedded objects disposed on one or more of said three rigid walls sides.--

--21. (currently amended) The three-dimensional page protector of claim 10, further comprising embossing disposed on one or more of said three rigid walls sides.--

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gary C. Hoge whose telephone number is (571) 272-6645. The examiner can normally be reached on 5-4-9.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lesley Morris can be reached on (571) 272-6651. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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